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Marriages Are Made Is Radio Hour Theme

Dr. T. F. Adams Is Speaker

Atlanta, January 28 — "Marriages Are Made" is the subject of The Baptist Hour for February 22, with Dr. T. F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, as speaker. The Baptist Hour series, "Divine Light For Daily Living," considers one of the most vital problems of our day, the home, in the last two Sundays of February.

Dr. Adams, who will be heard both weeks, is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, and one of the most popular speakers to appear on The Baptist Hour, having spoken in 1942. He is an expert in the field of marriage and the home. His subject for February 29 will be "A House With A Home Inside."

The Baptist Hour may be heard in Mississippi at 7:30 Sunday mornings over radio stations WGRM, Greenwood; WFOR, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel; and WTOK, Meridian. Also over WAZF, Yazoo City, at 8:30 the following Sunday morning.



DR. T. F. ADAMS

S. B. C. PROGRAM RELEASED

W. C. HOWARD, WATER VALLEY, TO LEAD DEVOTIONAL



W. A. HARRELL

Mr. W. A. Harrell, Secretary of the Department of Church Architecture of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will be with us for our Mississippi Sunday School Convention which meets in Meridian, March 9-10.

Mr. Harrell will speak before the entire Convention, and will be glad to confer with any individuals or committees regarding church buildings.

BAPTIST EDITORS MEET AT BILOXI—HEAR RESULTS SURVEY BY JOURNALISTS

Circulation Exceeds 995,000

In the most largely attended meeting in its history Rev. Lewis A. Meyers, editor of the Baptist New Mexican was elected president of the Southern Baptist Press Association at the annual gathering last week in the Biloxi Hotel, Biloxi.

Other officers named were: Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor of the Western Recorder, Louisville, Ky., vice-president; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of the Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss., secretary and treasurer.

Invitations for the 1949 meeting were received from Shawnee, Okla., and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The presiding officer was Dr. O. W. Taylor, president and editor of the Baptist and Reflector of Nashville, Tenn.

Prof. Edgar E. Folk, associate professor of Journalism at Wake Forest College (N. C.) who spoke on typography as a means of making the paper attractive stated, "becoming makeup is as important to a paper as it is to a woman." Makeup must be designed first to attract attention and then to present the contents of the publication according to their merits.

Prof. J. R. Scales of the department of Journalism, Oklahoma Baptist Uni-

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The suggested order of business for the coming session of the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Memphis May 19-23 has been released by the Committee Chairman, Dr. B. Locke Davis, Anniston, Ala. Other members of the committee are: Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, Ky.; Miss Blanche White, Va.; Dr. R. G. Lee, Tenn.; Rev. James W. Parrish, Miss.; Dr. Charles A. Maddry, N. C.; and Rev. A. L. Kirkwood, Ill.

The convention theme is, "Christ Is The Answer."

Rev. W. C. Howard, pastor of First Church, Water Valley, is scheduled to lead the devotional on Thursday morning.

The program follows:

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION May 19-23, 1948

Memphis, Tennessee

Theme: Christ is the Answer

Dr. Louie D. Newton, President

Presiding

Mr. W. Plunkett Martin

Director of Music For Convention

WEDNESDAY MORNING

10:00—Song and Praise.

10:10—Devotional and Prayer — Wallace Bassett, Cliff Temple Church, Dallas.

10:25—Secretaries' Report on Registration.

10:30—Report of Committee on Order of Business — B. Locke Davis, Chairman.

10:35—Welcome Address — Slater Murphy, Memphis.

10:40—Response — Homer G. Lindsay, First Church, Jacksonville, Florida. (Continued on Page Two)

CONSIDER THE CHILDREN

By Dr. J. D. Franks

Whatever may be said of just retribution when considering the war-sufferings of Germany's adults, or even older youth, that element certainly does not enter our considerations when we think of the horrible sufferings of Germany's children. On no basis of Christian reasoning can small children be considered as deserving the unspeakable plight of millions of little children in Germany today.

The tragic picture of gnawing hunger, of shivering nakedness and cold, of listlessness, of a lack of buoyancy caused from undernourishment and resulting illness — these are not symptoms easily associated with normal, well-cared-for children, as we know them in America.

The National Reconstruction Committee of the Protestant churches in Germany, makes the following report concerning conditions as found among the children attending two Berlin schools, which is typical of all Germany:

"Of the 41 boys, aged 12 - 14 years, in one class-room, 9 boys had no parents at all, 21 had no father, and 11 no mother. Of the 30 mothers, 28 went to work every day, 23 of the boys spent the whole day without the care of grown-ups. Only 4 boys had a bed of their own, 22 had no blankets, 7 wore no shirts, 14 no shoes,

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Shadows Over Our Schools

By Frank S. Mead
(By Permission of The Christian Herald)

(Continued from Last Week)
REFUSED CONFESSION —

LOCKED IN

We saw other affidavits that made us blink. One Protestant youngster who refused to go to Confession was locked in a room after school and left there until 9 o'clock at night, when he jumped out through a window and went home; his parents took him out of school.

The child of one ex-Catholic family was reminded that she would surely go to hell if she didn't go to Confession; a little boy was told to go into a little room "and he would see God." He went into the little room (confessional) and he was disappointed when he "saw only the father, not God."

A Pentecostal minister in town got the shock of his life one night at dinner when he looked up after saying grace; his Pentecostal children were crossing themselves!

Classes were dismissed half an hour early every Thursday and Friday during Lent, so the students could go to Confession. (This is school time in a free public school!) When the Catholic authorities decided to build themselves a new schoolhouse, they enlisted the youngsters: at 2 o'clock in the afternoon they played bingo, at a nickel a card. Youngsters of both faiths were sent out into the neighborhood selling chances on boxes of candy, for the building fund. But the crowning effort came when they turned the youngsters out of classes at 2 p. m. and set them to carrying sand, water and even rocks for the foundation of the new building!

PRESENT THOUGH ABSENT

What is the attitude of the children toward their school and teachers? We saw six high school boys playing hookey one sunny morning in Dixon; having had some little experience in that art ourselves, we were interested — especially interested in the fact that the six truants were sitting out in the warm sun right across the street from the school, smoking cigarettes. We found that they were quite safe, there; there isn't a truant officer in Dixon, and besides, the teachers mark them present whether they are present or not. You see, the Sisters have to report a certain attendance at the school to keep it open as a high school! Who wouldn't play hookey?

Mark this down in your notebooks: allotments of money to the school districts of the state are based on attendance. If twenty-five are absent during the year in a district, that district's budget is cut to something like \$5,000.

But this is small change, after all, compared with the end results of such "education" on the lives and personalities of the children involved. Graduated — what are they food for? What can they do? No college in the country would admit them; that's why so many of the parents in Dixon mortgage the years of their lives to send their children to private schools. The head of a business college in Santa Fe will not even consider a graduate from Dixon for entrance to his school; a high-school graduate can't keep up with his class even in a business school! About all they're fit for, after commencement, is manual labor.

Determined that the future of their

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Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists - Send Them The Baptist Record

S.B.C. PROGRAM RELEASED

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10:45—Address of President — Louie D. Newton.
 11:15—Recognition of Fraternal Messengers and Visitors.
 11:40—Special Music —
 11:45—Convention Sermon — W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville, Kentucky, Herschel Hobbs, alternate.
 12:30—Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00—Song, Scripture and Prayer — W. F. Carlton, Marked Tree, Arkansas
 2:10—Appointment of Committee on Committees and Committee on Resolutions.
 2:15—Miscellaneous Business.
 2:25—Executive Committee Administrative Report — Duke K. McCall, Executive Secty.
 3:30—Southern Baptist Hospital — Frank Tripp, Administrator.
 4:00—Committee on Church Organizations — Gaines S. Dobbins, Chairman.
 4:30—Adjournment and meeting of State Groups.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

"BROTHERHOOD NIGHT"

7:00—Song Service, Scripture and Prayer — Henry L. Lyon, Highland Church, Montgomery, Alabama.
 7:30—Committee on Evangelism — John L. Slaughter, Chairman.
 7:45—Baptist Brotherhood — Lawson H. Cooke, Executive Secretary.

THURSDAY MORNING

9:00—Song, Scripture and Prayer — W. O. Howard, Water Valley, Miss.
 9:10—Baptist Foundation Report — Duke K. McCall, Secretary.
 9:35—Relief and Annuity Board — Walter R. Alexander, Executive Secretary.
 10:15—Sunday School Board — T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary.
 11:15—Executive Committee Promotion Report — Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary.
 11:45—Public Relations Report — J. M. Dawson, Secretary.
 12:00—Special Music —
 12:05—Religious Liberty — Walter P. Binns, Liberty, Mo.
 12:35—Adjournment.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

2:00—Song, Scripture and Prayer — James M. Baldwin, Salem, Ill.
 2:10—Historical Society, — W. O. Carver, Chairman.
 2:25—Committee on Baptist Papers — O. W. Taylor, Chairman.
 2:40—Committee on Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign — Louis D. Newton, Chairman.
 2:55—W. M. U. Work — Mrs. Geo. R. Martin, President.
 3:30—Miscellaneous Business.
 3:40—Committee on Western Assembly — Perry F. Webb, Chairman.
 4:05—Election of Officers.
 4:30—Adjournment.

THURSDAY EVENING

7:00—Song Service, Scripture and Prayer — Will Edd Langford, San Francisco, Cal.
 7:30—Foreign Mission Board — M. T. Rankin, Executive Secretary.
 9:45—Adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:00—Song, Scripture and Prayer — Harold W. Seever, Florence, S. C.
 9:10—Education Commission — Charles D. Johnson, Chairman.
 9:25—Inter-Convention Committee on Negro Ministerial Education — S. A. Newman, Chairman.
 9:40—Committee to Study Field of Theological Education — John H. Buchanan, Chairman.
 10:00—American Baptist Theological Seminary — L. S. Sedberry, Chairman of Commission.
 10:15—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary — Roland Q. Leavell, President.
 10:30—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary — E. D. Head, President.
 10:45—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary — Ellis A. Fuller, President.
 11:00—Song.
 11:05—Christian and Ministerial Educa-

tion — Roland Q. Leavell, New Orleans.
 11:45—Special Music —
 11:55—Facing the World in Which We Live — Chaplain Paul J. Maddox Presented by Broadus E. Wall, President Southern Baptist Chaplains' Assoc.
 12:30—Adjournment.

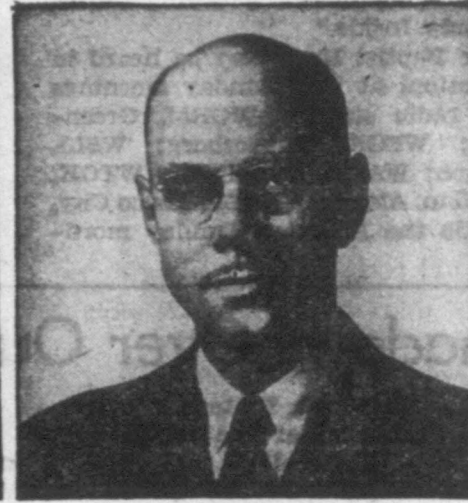
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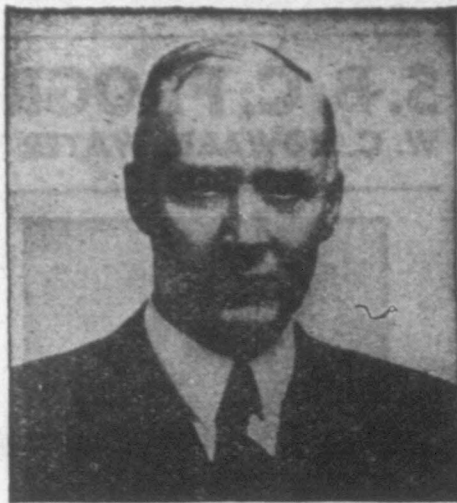
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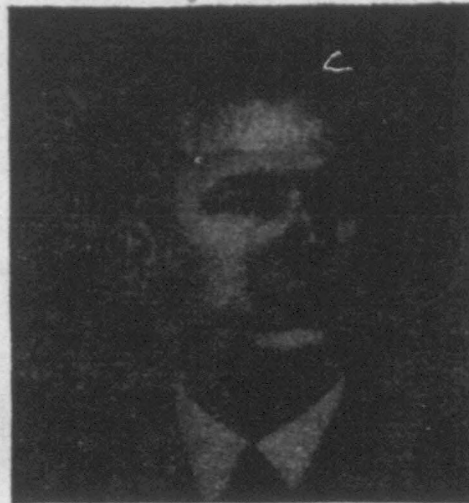
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For Pastors In The Interest Of Our Baptist World Program

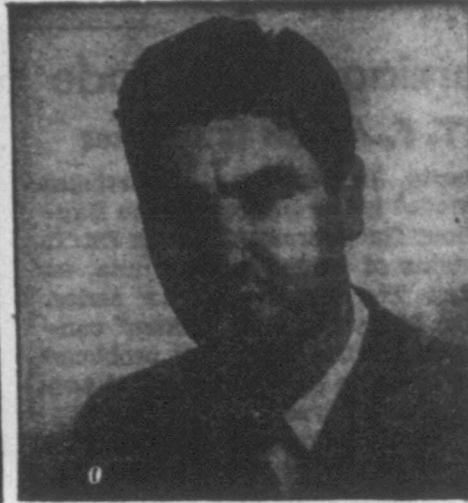
Louisville, Kentucky March 8-12, 1948



DR. JOHN A. MACKAY
President, Princeton Seminary
Lecturer, Preacher



DR. ROLLIN B. BURHANS
Pastor, Crescent Hill Church
Host Pastor



DR. CLAUD B. BOWEN
Pastor, Jackson, Mississippi
Lecturer

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 12:30—Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:00—Song, Scripture and Prayer — Howard C. Bennett, Kilgore, Texas.
 2:10—Report of Committee on Committees.
 2:20—Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.
 2:45—Social Service Commission — J. B. Weatherspoon, Chairman.
 2:45—Radio Commission — S. F. Lowe, Director.
 3:05—Committee to Discuss "Common Problems" with Northern Baptists — W. R. White, Chairman.
 3:30—Committee to Consider Kansas Application — E. H. Westmoreland, Chairman.
 3:50—The Baptist World Alliance — C. Oscar Johnson, President.

FRIDAY EVENING

7:00—Song Service, Scripture and Prayer — J. W. Suttle, Shelby, N. C.
 7:30—Home Mission Board — J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary.
 9:00—Special Music —
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 9:05—"Christ is the Answer!" — Robert G. Lee, Memphis.

SATURDAY MORNING

9:30—Song, Scripture and Prayer — R. Houston Smith, Pineville, La.
 9:40—Report of Committee on Co-ordinated Denominational Activities —

H. H. Hobbs, Chairman.
 9:55—Report of Committee on Boards — T. F. Calloway, Chairman.
 10:10—Report of Committee on Resolutions.
 10:25—Miscellaneous Business.
 10:35—American Bible Society — Thomas T. Hohoway, Dallas, Texas.
 10:50—Southern Baptist Making a Commitment — W. R. White, Waco, Texas.
 11:10—Music —
 11:20—Memorial Service—Ryland Knight, Pulaski, Virginia.
 12:10—Adjournment.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

(Co-operation with local churches in visitation and personal work in Memphis looking toward the Sunday afternoon evangelistic service).

SATURDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service, Scripture and Prayer — E. C. Routh.
 8:00—Service on the Christian Home under leadership of Joe W. Burton, Nashville, with closing message by Ellis A. Fuller, Louisville.
 9:30—Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING

(Services in Memphis churches under direction of local committee).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

2:45—Song, Scripture and Prayer — Harold J. Purdy, Bowling Green, Kentucky.
 3:00—Evangelistic Service under joint direction of Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Evangelism, C. E. Matthews, superintendent of Evangelism of Home Mission Board, and Memphis churches.

SUNDAY EVENING

6:45—Young People's Night, under auspices of Training Union Depart-

REV. W. R. STORIE GOES TO OCEAN SPRINGS

Rev. W. R. Storie who recently went to Ocean Springs as pastor of the First Church writes that the people received him graciously. A good supper awaited the Storie family upon their arrival and a day later a reception and shower was held at the church.

There have been 11 additions and the building program, which was already under way, is going forward. During the extreme cold weather there were 85 in Prayer Meeting.

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Oak Grove To Build

Rev. C. O. Stegall who lives at Mt. Hermond, Louisiana, writes that Oak Grove Church, Amite Parish of which he is pastor, is making pleasing progress.

During the past year a Training Union has been organized with an average attendance of 70. During the year the Union won the Attendance Banner and also a mileage banner. The membership now numbers 118.

Material is now on the church ground to construct a new concrete block auditorium. The old church building will be converted into an educational building.

ment of the Sunday School Board, J. E. Lambdin, Secretary.
 9:30—Final Adjournment.

Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

D. A. McCALL, Executive Secretary, Phones 4-6384 and 3-2476, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Home Phone 3581, Clinton, Mississippi.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

I
We do not consider January one of our heaviest months in engagements, but we preached six times on missions, delivered seven evangelistic sermons, five stewardship messages, and met with three committees during the month. Despite the fact that we have tried to reduce the number of our engagements, we are now started on the heaviest engagement schedule yet. We are sure you will remember us as we go along even as we remember you.

II
We are forced to change the Stewardship Committee meeting from Tuesday March 9, to Friday, March 19, at the Baptist Building at 10:00 o'clock.

III
We are indebted again to England Motor Company via Mr. John Davis, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, for a new auto for our work. The auto displaced by this deal had gone nearly 100,000 miles. Mississippi Baptists are more indebted than they realize to Mr. Davis for constant considerations along this line. To us he is a cheerful Christian, a deacon deluxe, and a friend faithful, indeed! Doxology!

IV
In our Evangelistic Committee meeting with the representatives from B. S. U., Ministerial Associations, and the Seminaries, we plainly stated that in the larger Youth Revival campaign projected for this year, we had no idea of anybody taking over the B. S. U. Revival program. We have been for that all along. In fact two or three of the best such revivals were in our own pastorate. Secretary Horner tells us that about thirty or thirty-five B. S. U. revivals were held last year. This is after fifteen years of work along this line. These revivals were excellent but manifestly thirty or thirty-five revivals in a year do not begin to meet the larger need. We are not interested in technicalities, technique, organization and machinery, first of all! First of all, we are interested in winning by any and all means as many of the 700,000 lost people in our state as may be possible! We have little patience with the spirit of hedging and trying to curtail evangelistic effort! With all of our assets and forces the need has not yet been met! All of us have a responsibility in this matter! The Convention would not impose this responsibility, first of all! The Convention Board would not, first of all, impose this responsibility! Neither the church nor the Evangelistic Committee imposed it first of all. Jesus charges every believer with activity and concern in this matter. John 16. Isaiah 58.

V
We attended the Associational Missionaries Conference at Clarke College, speaking twice. The attendance and the spirit were fine. In the opinion of many, the Associational Missionary movement points the way out in all the associations of our state. More and more it seems to be felt that we should not enlarge our staff at the Baptist Building, but major on field workers. This is probably right.

Sunday we made a 300 mile circle trip over southwest Mississippi helping ordain deacons in the morning, aid in dedicating a house of worship in the afternoon, and observing the Lord's Supper at night. It was a good day. In the morning we were at Terry's Creek, one of our strong rural churches with Brother G. E. Wells as pastor. Deacons ordained were Ed Stevenson, S. E. Cutrer, and Clarence Easley. We are sure they will make good ones. Dr. Biggs, veteran and retired physician of Osyka, brought the charge. We preached the sermon. We enjoyed the noon meal in the home of the pastor.

In the afternoon we helped dedicate an educational annex at Bethel Church, Mississippi Association. Here again we

met an interested people.

At night we were with one of our newer churches in Natchez, Immanuel Baptist Church, with Rev. O. L. Ballard, pastor. Brother Ballard is a pastor of evangelistic fervor and is doing a good work.

We were delighted to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elms Sullivan, prominent members at Oak Ridge Church. We enjoyed the fellowship and refreshment of the home with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Thornton.

The Executive Committee of Clarke College met in our office completing plans looking toward a great offering for \$350,000 on Sunday, March 28. They set up a schedule for memorials and perfected other plans.

Tuesday afternoon we were at Pickens before the "As You Like It" Club. We had met a number of these ladies at church services at Pickens. All of the group were very cordial in their spirit.

We sat in on a session of Music Emphasis Week, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Dr. D. Swan Haworth, the very fine pastor. Dr. Inman Johnson, Louisville, Kentucky, was directing. We enjoyed it very much. At the Prayer Meeting we were privileged to discuss plans for the Evangelistic Conference.

VI
Question: Do you think Mississippi College or Clarke College will continue at an even keel after G. I. bill benefits play out?

Answer: Mississippi College and Clarke College are here to stay! They are so fundamentally and inherently interwoven with Mississippi Baptist life we do not believe the forces of Satan are able to destroy them. Like other schools in different ages, they will experience a decline in enrollment, and then experience a revival in enrollment. This cycle repeats itself. Clarke College for instance has only about 70 G. I. students out of a total of around 275 student body. We are all glad the G. I. students are there, but Clarke College would still have a very reputable student body in size without any government helped students.

VII
Dr. John F. Carter, Pineville, Kentucky, for many years instructor at Clarke College, and always a friend of that great school, sends a splendid check contributing in the current campaign. This is the spirit that makes for victory.

VIII
Pastor John T. Dearing, Jr., Bay St. Louis, writes that their church is experiencing fast growth and that they will no longer need pastoral aid. He expresses appreciation for State Mission help received.

IX
Rev. L. E. Burnette, Lexington, and his people have organized a "Cover to Cover Club." They have started reading through the Bible effective January 1, 1948. Some of the greatest blessings we ever knew coming to a church came in a two year "Through the Bible" course.

X
Pastor G. C. Hodge, Biloxi, is always doing interesting and helpful things. He wrote for twenty-five copies of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual. Since we print only 500 we could send this number to one church only upon condition that they be returned. Brother Hodge writes that the contents of the annual were studied at two Prayer Meetings. Following this, another Wednesday night they studied the 1948 State Mission budget. Incidentally, the Convention Annuals were returned in order.

XI
The big church is not a church with a lot of members. We once knew a church with over 500 members that was one of the least churches within our knowledge. The big church is the church that does the will of God!

HOW TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH

1. Be in your place unless prevented by some reason, which you can conscientiously give to your Lord and Master.

2. Pray for your Pastor and the congregation before you come to church. Don't fail in this.

3. Pray while you sit in the Church.

4. Never engage in any conversation or act after entering the Church which will tend to divert your thoughts, or the thoughts of others, from worship.

5. During the period of meditation thank God for our Sunday School, our Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, the Deacons, the Brotherhood, and pray God's blessings on the members who lead these organizations.

6. During this week call upon at least one person with an invitation to attend the services.

7. Pray for the Pastor every day. He has many responsibilities and wishes to be of service to all.

8. Tithe. Bring your contribution to God's storehouse, the Church, each Lord's Day.

First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Bulletin.

LAST WEEK OF OUR LORD'S MINISTRY AND CRUCIFIXION

Jesus is in the hands of His enemies! He has been plotted against, betrayed, denied, lied upon, arrested, mocked, crowned with thorns, blindfolded and slapped in the face, hated, spat upon, illegally tried and unjustly condemned. Purple robes have been placed about Him in mockery! They laugh at Him! Read Psalms 22.

He is delivered into the hands of the centurion and soldiers. Luke 23. John 19. He staggers underneath the weight of the Cross, and it is placed upon the back of Simon, a Cyrenian. He is nailed to the Cross with two thieves as His death companions. He who made the world seems now conquered by a Cross! As a youth, He had lived in a carpenter shop among nails and woods, now He dies among them! Joseph had doubtless picked up nails before His tiny feet, when His enemies now nail them through His hands and feet! The Giver of Life dies! The Great Physician suffers! Months before He had said, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavily laden, and I will give you rest."

"He died for our sins." I Corinthians 15.

More Resolutions On Liquor Question

Resolutions urging repeal of the Black Market Liquor Tax and retention of the Prohibition law and strengthening of the present prohibition laws have been received from Concord church, Franklin county signed by the pastor, Rev. William H. Lee; Ora church, Covington county signed by Rev. W. R. Swenson, pastor, deacons D. D. Nall, W. S. Duckworth, Curtis Graves, Claude Warren and Mrs. Willie Rutland, clerk.

Other resolution of the same nature have been sent by Tishomingo Chapel church, Alcorn county signed by Levi Ayers, chairman of the committee; Mountain Creek church, Rankin county signed by the pastor, Rev. James C. Madison; New Harmony church, Union county signed by F. R. Kolb, treasurer; Wilkinson Memorial church, Smith county signed by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Bounds and deacons C. A. Simmons, W. S. Bounds, J. W. Jordan, E. G. Parker and E. J. Westmoreland.

REV. PERCY RAY TO LEAD DAMASCUS REVIVAL



REV. PERCY RAY

Damascus Church, just north of Hazlehurst, in Copiah County, is planning for revival services Feb. 23 - March 3. Rev. Percy Ray is to be the visiting evangelist. Sunday, Feb. 29, has been designated "Church Family Day."

Rev. Sammie Crawford has been pastor at Damascus one year. During the year, the church has had 48 additions which is perhaps the largest number in many years. The finances of the church have improved under his leadership with 33 of the members tithing. Five rooms have been added to the building.

Four Make All A's At Woman's College Twenty-Seven On Honor Roll

Four students, two freshmen and two juniors made straight A's during the first semester which ended January 23, according to a report released by the Dean's Office last Saturday. The four A students are: Nan McMurphy, junior, Lucedale; Louise Waddell, junior, Comowingo, Md.; Annie Vera Oden, freshman, Hattiesburg and Joann Weaver, freshman, Hattiesburg.

The Dean's Office listed the following as having made the Honor Roll—"B" average and above.

Jo Ann Casteel, Magee; Polly Chain, Mt. Olive; Nell Crumby, Coffeville; Julia Toy Hewitt, Jackson; Betty Martin, Laurel; Billy Ray Mathis, Beaumont; Jo Anne Neal, Jackson; Annie Vera Oden, Hattiesburg; Genevieve Pigford, Toombs; Dewey Rainey, Hattiesburg; Betty Jo Shields, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Quin E. Stringer, Columbia; Joann Weaver, Hattiesburg.

Students listed on the Dean's List (upper classmen) - "B" average and above are:

Lucille Cooper, Morton; Carroll Freeman, Petal; Martha Hamilton, Hattiesburg; Eugene Lucy, Petal; Nan McMurphy, Lucedale; Geraldine Parish, Prentiss; Betty Pope, Brookhaven; Cumale Shirley, Jennings, La.; Louise Waddell, Comowingo, Maryland; Ralph Davis, Hattiesburg.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Pontotoc County Association which met with Algoma Church on October 16, 1947. The minutes are well prepared and congratulations are due to the clerk, T. M. Wingo.

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Conference Offers Great Opportunity

Attention has been called in previous issues of the Baptist Record to the State Evangelistic Conference to be held at Vicksburg next week, February 24-27.

Every pastor who can possibly do so should be present at this important conference. Outstanding Baptist leaders of the state and of the south are to have parts on the program. Therefore the conference should be an inspiration of great power and influence to every one in attendance.

All of us admit that the winning of souls is the most important work of Baptists. In fact, without evangelism, we dry up and die. All other things fade into insignificance compared with evangelism.

If evangelism is so important, how necessary it is for our leaders to prepare themselves for the holy task of evangelism. In a few short weeks the summer days of evangelism will be in full swing. No better preparation for this sacred season can be had than to attend this great feast of spiritual inspiration.

Attendance upon this meeting should set hearts afire with fire from God's altar—should cause us to feel that men are lost, really lost and that their only hope is salvation through Jesus Christ.

The outstanding program offered by the State Evangelistic Conference at Vicksburg is planned to supply, from the human standpoint, that fire and that feeling so that 1948 may be a banner year for the winning of lost souls.

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Our Semi-Annual Appeal

Every year before the Southern Baptist Convention, we appeal to all concerned to publish reports that are to be made to the Convention.

Space limitations prevent pub-

lishing reports in full but the gist of them should be published, and certainly all proposed recommendations.

If our conventions are worthwhile they deserve the very best thought. Snap judgement always leads to snap situations.

The usual custom is for a long report to be distributed. Someone explains briefly the contents and the vote is taken. This is done without much thought on the part of the messengers. Serious and careful consideration is impossible.

At the very least, all recommendations and the reasons for them should be published beforehand.

The excuse is offered that our boards cannot prepare the reports in time for publication. The reply is, "Start sooner."

If we take our usual snap judgement and vote without proper consideration, why have a convention? It would save time and expenses simply to let the boards and committees adopt their own recommendations without reference to a convention.

Too often is heard the complaint that "a few are running things." We doubt that this is the intention of our leaders, but more pre-convention publicity would help to avoid such complaints.

As it now is, messengers, when registering, are handed a large book of reports. If they did nothing else, they could not properly study these reports during the sessions of the conventions.

If suggestions and recommendations are good they will stand the light of publicity. The rank and file of the messengers will be expected to help carry out convention actions. Why not allow these same messengers the privilege of thinking through them?

And pre-convention publication would allow those unable to attend the convention time to think matters over and consult with those fortunate enough to go to the convention.

Good recommendations will not be harmed by publication. Bad ones need to be harmed.

—BR—

Christ's Man First

In an excellent article in *The Western Recorder*, A. D. Forman, Jr., of Amarillo, Texas, brought out some soul-stirring thoughts. One division of the piece which is called "The Mystery of Christ's Mastery" deals with love between Christ's people, whether they belong to the same church organization or not. We quote some of these paragraphs which appear to us to have helpful ideas:

The controlling love of Christ brings one into fellowship with

others. That love could never divide Christian men. Its very genius shows a person that he does not live unto himself. Its very genius shows a church that it is not sufficient unto itself. Its very genius shows a Christian denomination that the Kingdom of God cannot be, must not be bounded by its narrow limitations.

We who glory in being Baptists should first glory in being Christians. We cannot, must not, be narrow and little in a day like this. The love of Christ constrains us to love, and to try to understand, all our Christian brethren. It impels us to appreciate them, to labor with them, to honor them as men for whom Christ died. It must unite Christendom into a spiritual solidarity in this day that may be its last opportunity, as surely as Paul sought to unite the Corinthian brethren and to win them back to himself as their friend and leader under Christ.

One does not become a Christian man, a church does not become a Christian church, in a vacuum. Great Christianity must be expressed in solid, tangible ways. To know Christ's redemptive love is to worship him and to worship him is to serve him. We worship a living Lord, but we can serve him only in contemporary, earthly relationships. To serve him is to serve and save people. Could it be that our hungry, lost neighbor across the street or across the ocean is in this sense Christ himself? To serve others for Christ's sake is to serve Christ. One day he shall say again, "Ye did it unto me"—because that controlling love caused us to love and serve our contemporaries.

He is not speaking of "church union" here, but the question raised impresses us: "Should the love of Christ divide men?" Think it over.

—BR—

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

The Real Truth About Liquor

Mississippi's Representative John Rankin has had inserted in the Congressional Record a unique advertisement by a saloon keeper on "The Real Truth About Liquor," printed in the Boise (Idaho) Democrat more than 60 years ago.

"I wish every American could read it in the light of what is going on in this country today," Representative Rankin told the House in obtaining permission to insert the advertisement in the Record.

We wish as many Mississippians as possible to read it in the light of what is happening in Mississippi, in and out of the legislature today so we welcome an opportunity to reprint it.

The transcript is by Charles Chester, of Topeka, Kansas, who writes that James Lawrence, who operated the "Naked Truth Saloon" in Boise, ran the following advertisement in the February 24, 1886 issue of the Boise Democrat:

"Friends and neighbors, having just opened a commodious shop for the sale of liquid fire, I embrace this opportunity of informing you that I have commenced the business of making drunkards, paupers, and beggars for the sober, industrious and respectable portion of the community to support.

"I shall deal in family spirits which

will incite men to deeds of riot, robbery and bloodshed, and by so doing, diminish the comfort, augment the expenses and endanger the welfare of the community.

"I will, on short notice, for a small sum, and with great expectations undertake to prepare victims for the asylums, poor farms, prisons and gallows.

"I will furnish an article that will increase accidents, multiply the number of distressing diseases, and render those who are harmless incurable.

"I will deal in drugs which deprive some of life, many of reason, most of their property, and all of their peace; which will cause fathers to become fiends, and wives, widows, children to become orphans, and all mendicants.

"I will cause many of the rising generation to grow up in ignorance and prove a burden and a nuisance to the Nation. I will cause mothers to forget their offspring, and cruelty to take the place of love.

"I will sometimes corrupt the ministers of religion; defile the purity of the church and cause temporal, spiritual and eternal death; and if any be so impertinent as to ask me why I have the audacity to bring such accumulated misery upon the people, my honest reply is, 'MONEY.' The spirit trade is lucrative and some professing Christians give their cheerful countenance.

"From the United States Government I have purchased the right to demolish the character, destroy the health, and shorten the lives and ruin the souls of those who choose to honor me with their custom.

"I pledge myself to do all that I have promised. Those who wish any of the evils above specified brought upon themselves or their dear friends, are requested to meet me at my bar where I will, for a few cents, furnish them with the certain means of doing so.

"The Naked Truth Saloon,
"John Lawrence, Proprietor."

40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. Boyd Sr.

40 YEARS AGO

The Record acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Margurite Pettis to Rev. M. O. Patterson.

Pastor Luther Holcomb who came to Durant on January 1 from the Louisville Seminary writes: "My reception here has been . . . helpful and inspiring to me." And further: "May the year be the greatest in the history of all our churches is the wish of one of the boys who has just gotten back home."

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. Gunter says: "The State Board appropriated \$25,000 to assist in the building of churches this year; 14 town churches and 35 country churches."

From R. L. Breland's East Mississippi Column: "Blessed is the man whose calendar contains prayer meeting night." . . . "Blessed is the man who will not strain at a drizzle and swallow a downpour." . . . "Blessed is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time."

The Baptist Bible Institute is the recipient of \$10,000 given by Mrs. Robert Thompson Lane of Shreveport, the income from which is to support a lectureship, and Dr. M. E. Dodd, the pastor, has been invited to give the first course of lectures.

Newton Has Unusual Baptism

The unusual happened January 4 at Newton Baptist Church.

Patsy Dossett, of Whistler, Alabama, had joined the Newton Baptist Church for baptism. Meanwhile her brother W. L. Dossett had been ordained to the ministry. He is pastor at Eight Mile, Alabama.

Newton Baptist Church authorized Mr. Dossett to baptize his own sister. She was his first to baptize. Both are Clarke students.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

ALL SANSING'S CHURCHES ARE BAPTIST RECORD CHURCHES

A few weeks ago Miss Lucinda Hill, secretary of Pine Bluff Church, Clay County, sent a nice list of subscriptions.

Rev. Carey Sansing of Pheba is pastor. All his churches now have the Record as a part of their program.

Clay County Record readers are now listed as follows: Pine Bluff 10; Cedar Bluff 16; Enon 10; Hebron 12; New Montpelier 21; Old Montpelier 17; Pheba 33; West Point, First 145; West Point, West End 34.

CONCORD CHURCH IS NUMBER 896

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Concord Church, Tippah Association, on the growing list of churches which have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. Rev. Joseph H. Crawford is pastor. The church recently sent a list of 23 names.

Baptist Record readers in Tippah County are now listed as follows: Concord 23; Academy 41; Blue Mountain 153; Chalybeate 48; Dumas 2; Falkner 49; Fellowship 35; Harmony 6; Mt. Hebron 18; Mt. Olive 3; Oakland 1; Palmer 19; Pine Grove 35; Pleasant Hill 1; Providence 42; Ripley 116; Shady Grove 13; Tiplersville 2; Walnut 37; People 17.

OLIVE CHURCH IS NUMBER 895

At the Pearl River Association last fall members of Olive Church promised me that they were going to see that the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record became a part of their program. They made good. Recently the EVERY FAMILY List was sent in by Lavelle Ladner and from now on members of Olive Church are going to be informed Baptists.

Record readers in Pearl River County are now listed as follows: Olive 22; Bethel 65; Carriere 4; Derby 1; Good-year 84; Harmony 2; Juniper Grove 88; McNeil 1; Napoleon 33; New Henley Field 38; New Palestine 54; Nicholson 47; Ozona 10; Picayune, First 269; Pine Grove 74; Poplarville, First 174; Roseland Park 35; Spring Hill 3; Union 44; White Sand 18; West Poplarville 15; Crane Creek 1.

BISMARCK IS NUMBER 893

In Rev. M. C. Nelson the Baptist Record has a loyal friend. Since his student days he has faithfully promoted the Baptist Record for two reasons: (1). He is a friend of the Record, (2) He know the Record helps the work and like all consecrated pastors wants to accomplish the most that he can.

Recently a list of 25 names was received from Bismark Church in Lawrence County of which Mr. Nelson is Pastor. The list was sent by Mrs. John C. Rials.

Record readers in Lawrence County are now listed as follows: Bismark 25, Antioch 35, Arm 1, Bethel 24, Carmel 66, Crooked Creek 52, Jayess 50, Monticello 94, New Hebron 77, New Hope 54, New Zion 2, Nola 30, Oakvale 37, Old Silver Creek 31, Providence 5, Saul's Valley 18, Shiloh 48, (Silver Creek) Calvary 77, Topeka 20, Wanilla 52, and Oma 6.

100 Churches Leading in Cooperative Program Gifts 1947

Church	Association	Amount
1 Jackson 1st	Hinds	\$41,470.88
2 Jackson-Clavary	Hinds	31,505.01
3 Laurel 1st	Jones	21,800.43
4 Brookhaven 1st	Lincoln	18,719.71
5 Columbus 1st	Columbus	14,200.13
6 Vicksburg 1st	Warren	14,065.23
7 Grenada 1st	Grenada	12,156.80
8 Tupelo	Lee	12,064.95
9 McComb 1st	Pike	11,874.07
10 Meridian 1st	Lauderdale	11,531.32
11 Picayune 1st	Pearl River	10,289.90
12 Hattiesburg Main St.	Lebanon	10,118.31
13 Crystal Springs	Copiah	9,312.84
14 Meridian 15th Ave.	Lauderdale	9,196.01
15 New Albany	Union Co.	8,873.35
16 Hazlehurst	Copiah	8,000.00
17 Greenwood 1st	Leflore	7,692.78
18 Pascagoula 1st	Jackson	7,283.34
19 Meridian Highland	Lauderdale	6,623.41
20 Clinton	Hinds	6,605.03
21 Louisville 1st	Winston	6,408.33
22 West Point 1st	Clay	6,000.00
23 Holly Springs	Marshall	5,756.63
24 Hattiesburg 1st	Lebanon	5,748.88
25 Quitman	Clarke	5,361.00

Church	Association	Amount
1 Hattiesburg 5th	Lebanon	\$ 5,200.00
2 Belzoni	Deer Creek	5,099.40
3 Aberdeen 1st	Monroe	5,046.46
4 Canton 1st	Madison	4,698.72
5 Pontotoc 1st	Pontotoc	4,689.05
6 Starkville	Oktibbeha Co.	4,666.21
7 Gulfport 1st	Gulf Coast	4,541.35
8 Kosciusko 1st	Attala	4,535.78
9 McComb East	Pike	4,451.98
10 Prentiss	Jeff Davis	4,117.25
11 Leland	Deer Creek	4,074.48
12 Greenville 1st	Deer Creek	4,053.48
13 Corinth 1st	Alcorn	3,750.00
14 Tupelo	Lee	3,711.54
15 Harrisburg	Jones	3,679.80
16 Yazoo City 1st	Yazoo	3,521.04
17 Durant	Holmes	3,507.00
18 Bay Springs	Jasper	3,500.00
19 Jackson Parkway	Hinds	3,437.52
20 Columbia 1st	Marion	3,433.23
21 Clarksdale	Riverside	3,415.82
22 McComb Central	Pike	3,399.96
23 Tylertown	Walshall	3,068.60
24 Indianola	Sunflower	2,919.94
25 Meridian Poplar Springs	Lauderdale	2,913.49

Church	Association	Amount
1 Jackson Northside	Hinds	\$ 2,820.16
2 Drew	Sunflower	2,741.24
3 Pascagoula	Jackson	2,647.23
4 Calvary	Lauderdale	2,578.24
5 Meridian Southside	Neshoba	2,514.82
6 Philadelphia 1st	Hinds	2,435.09
7 Van Winkle	Hinds	2,425.00
8 Jackson Griffith Mem.	Lauderdale	2,368.00
9 Meridian 41st Ave.	Lafayette	2,343.20
10 Oxford 1st	Montgomery	2,342.50
11 Winona 1st	Holmes	2,333.36
12 Lexington	Covington	2,333.26
13 Collins	Tippah	2,332.87
14 Lowrey Memorial	Adams-Franklin	2,314.11
15 Natchez 1st	Simpson	2,272.89
16 Magee	Mississippi	2,250.00
17 Galilee Gloster	Jones	2,208.84
18 Ellisville	Mississippi	2,150.52
19 Centerville	Newton	2,079.04
20 Newton	Prentiss	2,033.34
21 Booneville	Benton	2,000.00
22 Ashland	Calhoun	2,000.00
23 Calhoun City 1st	Marion	1,990.92
24 Bunker Hill	Deer Creek	1,950.00
25 Rolling Fork		

CRISWELL SIGNS UP



Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, is seen here as he signed the guest register in the Baptist Building in Jackson on a recent visit to Mississippi. At the same time he signed up as speaker for the State Evangelistic meeting in 1949, according to Dr. D. A. McCall, director of Evangelism for Mississippi Baptists.

GREENE COUNTY PASTORS ORGANIZE CONFERENCE

By M. E. Perry

Having three Baptist Pastors reside in Greene County is a far cry from conditions as they have been with only one, the Pastor of Leakesville, trying to hold the fort. Rev. Orman Knight of Sand Hill has been with us for some months. Recently Rev. R. H. Daniel came to our Association, pastoring Cedar Grove and Fellowship churches, each of which are half time. Also the interest displayed by Rev. J. H. Cothen, Rev. Byron Mathis, Rev. Bernard Saucier and Rev. Luther Turner, all of whom have part time working our Association is an inspiration and help.

Our monthly Pastor's Conference, held on Monday night after the first Sunday at McLain, is proving a help. Attendance is good and we hope, by this method, to bring Greene Association to the front. Pray for us.

24 Vicksburg	Warren	1,948.39
Bowmar Ave.		
25 Ripley	Tippah	1,900.00
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1 Salem	Covington	\$ 1,880.82
2 Batesville	Panola	1,870.46
3 Laurel 2nd	Jones	1,862.14
4 Amory	Monroe	1,809.56
5 Daniel	Hinds	1,800.87
6 Houston	Chickasaw	1,800.00
6 Flora	Madison	1,800.00
6 Magnolia 1st	Pike	1,800.00
6 Water Valley	Yalobusha	1,800.00
7 Senatobia	Tate	1,749.19
8 Okolona	Chickasaw	1,711.65
9 Oak Grove	Lauderdale	1,710.36
10 Union	Newton	1,700.00
11 Baldwin	Prentiss	1,684.54
12 Sardis	Panola	1,630.72
13 Calvary	Lawrence	1,583.05
14 Petal Harvey	Lebanon	1,579.09
15 Friendship	Pike	1,575.62
16 Charleston	Tallahatchie	1,526.19
17 Mt. Olive	Covington	1,500.00
17 Moss Point 1st	Jackson	1,500.00
17 Morton	Scott	1,500.00
18 Carriere	Pearl River	1,495.00
19 Terrys Creek	Pike	1,482.25
20 Webb	Tallahatchie	1,435.89
21 Biloxi 1st	Gulf Coast	1,406.89
22 Utica	Hinds	1,378.12
23 State Line	Wayne	1,358.50
24 Lucedale	George	1,351.21
25 Eupora	Zion	1,350.00

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
Bookkeeping Department
Baptist Building Jackson, Mississippi

Orphanage Makes A Request

By W. G. Mize, Superintendent

In the January 15th issue of the Baptist Record there appeared an article "Davis Memorial Church Makes A Request." In this article pastor Johnston advised our Baptist constituency that the Convention approved the plan of the Church to make an appeal to the Baptist churches of the state to assist in the erection of an adequate church building of which the Orphanage family is a large part.

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent, Faculty and Children of the Orphanage join Bro. Johnston and the membership of the Davis Memorial Church in this request and ask that you give it your serious consideration and loyal support.

When boys and girls come to make their home in the Orphanage we receive them happily and rejoice in the fact that we have room for them. We regret very much to have to say "no" to any request for lack of room. There is room in the "Kingdom of our Lord" for everyone and we are so glad that most of the boys and girls of the Orphanage are born into this Kingdom while making their home with us. After this spiritual birth has been experienced we want them to continue to grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We must have experienced leadership and adequate working facilities for this to be accomplished.

We do not want this request to interfere with any of your local programs nor statewide designations, but make this an extra special or "lagniappe" love gift. At some appropriate time, the Orphanage and the Church would be pleased for every Pastor to present this matter to their congregation and give them an opportunity to make an offering. Send your offer through the Convention Board Office, Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, to Davis Memorial Baptist Church, 1630 Bailey Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi, or to the Baptist Orphanage, P. O. Box 1045, Jackson, Mississippi, and be sure to state that it is for Building Fund of Davis Memorial Baptist Church.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary
PAUL D. BOOTHE, Asso. Secretary



MISS MARY VIRGINIA LEE

Miss Mary Virginia Lee, superintendent of Intermediate work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will be with us at our Mississippi Sunday School Convention in Meridian, March 9-10, to direct conferences on this important part of a Sunday school program.

Intermediate workers, be sure and be there and get the good things that await you from Miss Lee.

All Sunday school people, be sure and save this day: March 9-10. The place is Meridian. Come one; come all. Overnight lodging free.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT CAMPAIGN

Does your church have an Extension department?

If not, have you taken advantage of the Southwide campaign to get the fine points of the Extension work before your people? Now is the time to do so.

You can really make "a new day dawn for your Sunday school" through a well-functioning Extension department. Three attractive posters are available, and also other literature to help get started.

For this material write to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

YOUR RIDGECREST RESERVATION
Have you made your reservation yet for one of the Sunday school weeks? The regular weeks are June, 24 - 30 and July 1-7.

For reservation write to Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C. Send one dollar reservation fee with application.

Don't delay; write today.

NEED ATTENTION NOW!!!

Some vital Sunday school matters that are now in the forefront of attention are:

1. The growing birthrate calls for increased activity in all the elementary departments.
2. New homes being established provide opportunity for church guidance.
3. Probable high income for another year brings increased church building opportunities.
4. More churches need to have a definite training program.
5. Go after the multitudes with vigor.
6. Stress extended Bible study: Vacation Bible school; regular Bible study; Home daily Bible study; January week of Bible study.
7. Increase the drive to enlist all

church members in Bible study; make more provision for Young People and Adults.

8. Magnify the Extension work.

9. Let Evangelism be the center of all plans and programs.

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SHADOWS OVER OUR SCHOOLS

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children should not be jeopardized, the people of Dixon actually raised \$13,000 to build a new grade school, where the first five grades could be taught by lay teachers. The county board should have been proud of people like that. But — the day before the school was to open, the county board sent word that in this new school the good folks of Dixon would have to have a nun as principal, and several Sisters as teachers.

The outraged Dixonites marched on the County Board of Education; and they were politely referred to the State Board. They drove fifty-strong to Santa Fe to talk it over with the state board, cooled their heels for four hours, were finally granted the privilege of sending in one of their number to state their case and then the State Board said, "Sorry No jurisdiction. We refer you to the County Board." Which, is any man's language, is known as passing the buck.

Why don't they take it to the County Superintendent of Education? He hides like a rabbit; he shuns Dixon like the plague, you see, he's a politician. Why don't they take it to the State Superintendent? Well, he's a politician too, and he doesn't want any trouble over this thing. Why don't they take it to the governor? He's a Presbyterian, but he won't touch this (politically) dangerous situation with a ten-foot pole. One of the great institutions of democracy is threatened! It's all a violation of the law! So what?

LOOKS PRETTY SAD

It all looked pretty sad when they got through with the State Board, but real help came from a quarter where they least expected it — from the mansion of the Archbishop of Santa Fe. Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne, thoroughly alarmed at the riot that was brewing along Embudo Creek, sat himself down and wrote a letter "to all Religious" (Sisters, Brothers) who were currently teaching school within the confines of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

He wrote: "Venerable Religious: In view of the present agitation against Sisters in the public schools and to avert grave future difficulties that could prove disastrous to the continuation of Sisters in the public Schools in the state of New Mexico, I request that no religious instruction be given in public-school buildings by the teachers on school days . . ." Does that not look like a blunt confession that there had been such teaching going on in the public schools?

Notice that this letter went to "all Religious" within the confines of Santa Fe. That takes in a lot more than Dixon. There are 128 Roman Catholic nuns teaching in the public schools of New Mexico. I saw them not only at Dixon, but in other towns. I saw them at Penasco, where the old (abandoned) public school buildings



BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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HOME BOARD WILL EMPLOY STUDENTS

The Home Mission Board will employ a limited number of students for ten weeks, May 31, 1948, to August 6, 1948, inclusive, to serve as missionaries on our various fields under the direction of our regularly appointed missionaries. Students interested in this program may secure application blanks by writing us. Only missionary volunteers will be considered for appointment. Those working under this program will be paid \$20 per week as they work among Italians, French, Chinese, Negroes, Mexicans, Indians, in Good Will Centers, City Missions, Evangelism, Under-privileged areas, Pioneer fields, or Mountain areas.

POTPOURRI

Mrs. Edgar Glover, until Feb. 1st Student Sec'y at Pearl River Jr. and now with her husband at Miss. College, did a mighty fine job of pioneering down at Poplarville. We are sorry she couldn't stay with the group there longer. In a recent letter, she says: "BSU work cannot be measured in numbers. It has to be seen in the lives of the students. I love to watch these young Christians grow . . . Since I have been here . . . there have been three boys licensed to preach and one surrendered his life for definite ser-

vice. There is also one girl who is a missions volunteer. There are others who have dedicated their vocations and also surrendered their lives. One of the greatest joys of my work was in seeing the President of the Council last year . . . go out from here to Tishomingo, Okla., and interest the students there in organizing a Baptist Student Union." . . . A reliable authority says that there are about 118,000 young people in Miss., between the ages of 18 and 22. Did you know that only about one-sixth of these are in college? . . . Pastors, in increasingly larger numbers, are asking for Youth Revival teams. Let's cover Miss., with these consecrated young people witnessing for Christ like the dew covers our countryside. Pastors, let's hear from you by March 1 . . . Again I want to urge all our column-readers to subscribe for *Between the Lines* at \$1 per annum, IF you are interested in the unbiased truth about economics, labor, social strife and international affairs . . . One of the best plans for personal soul-winning I've heard of is the "3-12 Plan" . . . No one has invited us for our State Convention, at this writing . . . The Religious Education Ass'n at Clark mimeographs the Newton Church bulletin every week

BAPTIST EDITORS MEET AT BILOXI; HEAR RESULTS SURVEY BY JOURNALISTS

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versity spoke on "The Message" and covered the field of reader interest. He gave the results of a survey recently conducted in the field of reader interest based on all the Southern Baptist papers.

Prof. Frank E. Burkhalter, retired professor of journalism at Baylor University told the editors that a survey indicated that joint purchasing of newsprint is not now possible. He recommended a central advertising agency.

Combined circulation of Southern Baptist papers is now 995,000. Committees were named to work for the expansion of Baptist Press, Southern Baptist news gathering agency.

The editors were guests at a turkey banquet in the dining room of the First church, Biloxi on Thursday night through the courtesy of Editor A. L. Goodrich, host to the convention. Banquet speakers were Pastor G. C. Hodge, Editor Goodrich and Editor L. A. Myers of the Baptist New Mexican.

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CONSIDER THE CHILDREN

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7 had borrowed shoes, and 37 did not own an overcoat. 37 of the boys went to school without breakfast and all were under-weight. Of the 41 boys, 32 admitted

are rotting to dust, where the children have all been moved into buildings owned by the Roman Catholic Church and where the public high school is named "The Little Flower High School."

I saw the little village so romantically named Ranches of Taos, where the youngsters get credit for "Catechism" on their report cards.

that they had already stolen.

"Another inquiry in the girls' school of east Berlin brought out similar facts. Of 31 girls, between 15 and 18 years of age, 17 had no father, 14 no mother, 9 were orphans. 6 of the girls slept together with more than 6 persons in one room. 19 wore no underclothes, 9 no shoes, and 23 no overcoats. 7 of the girls had already suffered from venereal disease, 9 had been forcibly accosted, 14 admitted that they had had relations with men in order to get food or other things."

A church worker returning from these areas of misery and immorality said: "We are not out to sell our misery to the world. It is not a case of appealing to the sympathy of the Christian world. Of course we need material help. It is no good to preach the gospel to the poor, if they are physically unfit to listen to it."

Your continued support of the program of material relief in Europe will be needed for a long time to come — until the children everywhere are properly fed and clothed and housed. The Christian world must give the children their chance at life.

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A. E. WIGGINS

Funeral services were held January 25 for A. E. Wiggins at the Goodwater Baptist Church in Smith County by Rev. D. W. Moulder and Rev. G. T. Henderson.

Mr. Wiggins had been in ill-health after suffering a stroke over 3 years ago. He lived at Mize at the time of his death. He had been a resident of Crystal Springs for 22 years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Sallie Henderson Wiggins and three daughters. Miss Earlene Wiggins, Mize, Miss.; Mrs. W. C. Rogers, Crystal Springs, Miss.; and Mrs. Glenn Stagner, Nashville, Tennessee.

Five sons, H. D., Mize, Miss.; Odie and Nelson, Crystal Springs, Miss.; J. O. Port Gibson, Miss. and H. C. New Orleans, La. Four brothers and three sisters also survive.

Interment was in the Goodwater cemetery.

--Woman's Missionary Union--

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y—Miss Nell Taylor

Home Mission Week Of Prayer March 1-5

Many Missionary Societies are now preparing for the observance of this Week of Prayer by studying together SPIRITUAL FRONTIERS a new book written by Dr. Courts Redford. This book gives us a picture of the vast unreached frontiers before us as Christians! A careful reading and study of this book will lead to definite praying concerning the opportunities and needs before us, as well as the giving of our material possessions to be used in meeting those needs.

MESSAGE FROM HOME MISSION BOARD

Dr. Courts Redford, Assistant Executive Secretary S. B. C. Home Mission Board

It is a special privilege to congratulate you on your sixty years of glorious achievement. The glory of your achievement is greatly enhanced by its unselfishness. We count your laurels, not primarily in your own growth but in what you have done for others. Missionaries all over the world rise up to call you blessed because of your encouragement, your prayers and your support.

These 21,915 days of W.M.U. history have been punctuated with struggle and tears, sacrifice and toil, prayer and faith. The W. M. U. crown is studded with the lives of women who have counted no sacrifice too great a trophy to lay at the Master's feet.

Among these noble women, shining as the stars in home mission achievement, was Miss Annie Armstrong. Her knowledge of mission needs, her vision of mission service, her untiring efforts in writing letters and making missionary appeals and her unwavering faith have been a mighty Kingdom force through the years to our day and generation. Characters like her remind me of Christ's words as He said, "Others have labored and ye are entered into their labors."

Others have sown the seed and the harvest is now ripening. Should we fail now to reap this bountiful harvest we shall fail not only our day and generation but also all of that mighty host of Christian women and young people who have composed Woman's Missionary Union during the past sixty years—but I am persuaded that you will not fail.

The challenge today is greater than ever before. The population of our Convention territory today is 65,470,114 while the states composing our Convention in 1888 could boast only 21,779,485 inhabitants. We have three times as many people to serve as we had when Woman's Missionary Union came forth to take those vows of allegiance that has made her our constant helpmate. There are now more than 31,000,000 unchurched in our Convention territory, about 10,000,000 more than the total population sixty years ago.

I am glad that you are giving special attention in your study to our opportunities in the west and our evangelistic challenge today. I wish that I could emphasize the importance of these appeals and the unusual opportunities presented through your Annie Armstrong Offering to make investments that will continue to bear large

spiritual dividends throughout the years to come.

There are ever enlarging opportunities for missionary service among the Indians, the language groups, the underprivileged and in Cuba. In 1893, five years after your first recognition by our Convention, the Home Mission Board reported twenty missionaries among the Cubans, thirteen among the Germans, Mexicans and Indians, six or seven among the Negroes. Today, largely due to your gracious gifts, we have two hundred and sixty among the language groups, one hundred and twenty-one in Cuba, one hundred and two among the Indians and forty among the Negroes. Truly God hath wrought wonders among His people!

But what are these among so many? We have only one missionary for each 30,000 of the unevangelized among our language groups, about the same ratio among the people of Cuba, one to each 2,500 Indians and one worker for each 250,000 Negroes. Never has an offering held in prospect such wonders of missionary achievement as does your Annie Armstrong Offering this year, a part of which will be used for the evangelization of these minority groups whom God has placed in our midst.

(Continued Next Week)

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Woman's College Observes Vocational Emphasis Week

During the week of Feb. 9-13 the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi Woman's College sponsored a series of Vocational Emphasis Programs the aim of which was to lead each student to seek and to find the will of God for her life.

At the chapel hour and in each noon-day prayer service many of the fields of full-time Christian service were presented and an attempt was made to lead the students to analyze the qualifications and training needed in preparation for these fields. Throughout the entire week students were challenged to a complete dedication of their lives to God whatever their vocational choice.

The opening program Monday Morning was presented by some students, who analyzed a few of the vocations offered by the local church as: Educational Director by Newell Massey; Church Secretary by Ruby Bagwell; Recreational Director by Geraldine Parish; Minister of Music by Carroll Freeman; Other Fields of Service by Louis Waddell. Others appearing on Monday's program were, Annie Vera Oden and Betty Jo Shields - speaking on the subject "God has something great for you if you will find His will for your life and dedicate your vocation to Him."

The speakers for the other days and their subjects were: Tuesday - Dr. I. E. Rouse, President of the college - "Principles of Vocational Guidance." Wednesday - Dr. W. H. Sumrall, Dean of the Graduate School of Mississippi Southern College - "Teaching as a Vocation." Thursday - Rev. John E. Barnes Jr., Pastor of Main Street Baptist Church - "The Mission Field As a Vocation." Friday - Dr. J. C. Murphy, Pastor Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and Pastor Advisor of



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ASSOCIATIONAL SPEAKER



MISS EDWINA ROBINSON

The above is a picture of our fine W. M. U. Secretary who has consented to assist us in our associational Brotherhood rallies in March. Miss Robinson is one of the most dynamic speakers that we have, and her wide experience in associational work with the women should prove very profitable to the men of our churches. She will be the featured speaker at the Hinds-Warren meeting at Southside Church in Jackson on March 8; Simpson, meeting at Beulah, March 9; Pike,

meeting at Central Church, McComb, March 12.

Other associations meeting in March are: Lauderdale at First Church, Meridian, March 1; Jones, March 2; Gulf Coast at Long Beach, March 4; Pearl River at Goodyear, March 5; Leflore at Morgan City, March 16; Leake at Lena, March 18; Newton at Dufee, March 19; Walthall at New Zion, March 22; Lincoln at Macedonia, March 23; George at Lucedale, March 26.

MEN NEED MORE INFORMATION

We have been impressed this year by the large number of pastors and laymen who are asking for more information on Brotherhood work. Certainly one of the best ways to inform our men would be for the pastor to order a supply of the little manual entitled "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood" and teach it to the men in at least two meetings. Our men can never go any further than they know to go, and this would be starting at the right place. We have in our office a supply of fine literature, recently written, dealing with the organization and operation of a Brotherhood that is available upon request. We strongly recommend these two avenues as means of giving out the right kind of information.

PICKENS MAKES PROGRESS

By Dr. R. B. Gunter

Pickens Church had a great year in 1947. At the beginning of 1947 the church decided to continue giving 20% to the Cooperative Program while raising the building fund. The first of this year they increased the percentage to 25% and some are even talking of going to 50% when the building fund shall have been completed.

The membership is small for a full-time church. But Pickens has some of the choicest members to be found anywhere. It is, therefore, believed that \$40,000 will pay for the proposed building when labor prices and building material costs will justify construction. There seems to be a consensus of opinion that it will be wise to wait until prices go down. The money is bearing interest. We shall need several thousand for pews and other furnishings and equipment. Some want to include a parsonage in the building program. An electric Hammond organ has been ordered and the cost price is in hand.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Church in Jackson, will preach in our meeting, May 31-June 6.

With the hope that the facts given below will help others and at the same time encourage Pickens members who of their own good will have given so generously, I am offering the following figures for publication. I have never known money to come

the Baptist Student Union of Woman's College - "The Dedicated Life."

The spiritual life of our campus has been greatly enriched by this week of special emphasis. One of the students remarked "The spirit of this campus reminds me of Ridgcrest!" Miss Kathleen Taylor, B.S.U. Secretary of Woman's College directed the programs along with the Officers.

Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

- February 23 — W. Z. Huggins, Clarke County Associational Sunday School Supt.
- February 24 — Evangelistic Conference at Vicksburg.
- February 25 — Rev. W. E. Hardy, District 1 Training Union President.
- February 26 — W. Mac Bell, President, Leake County Brotherhood Association.
- February 27 — Mrs. D. C. Simmons, State Recording Secretary SMU.
- February 28 — Miss Alene Johnson, Secretary State BTU Department.
- February 29 — Dr. L. Edward Smith, Trustee of Clarke Memorial College.

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Starkville helps — Starkville is another church that never does things in halves but almost by hundreds. Recently the pastor, Wilburn Smith, sent 97 additional names for the EVERY FAMILY List of the First Baptist Church of Starkville.

East Side Church, Jackson through Mrs. Ervin Smith sent a nice list of additional names to be added to the EVERY FAMILY List.

with so little effort on the part of the pastor.

Building fund on hand December 31, 1946, \$16,966.51. Building fund given during 1947, \$16,523.60. Building fund given since January 1, 1948, \$10,890.92. Cash in hand February 12, 1948, \$44,381.03. Unpaid pledges made in 1947, \$450. Unpaid pledges made in 1948, \$1,005. Total cash and good pledges, February 12, 1948, \$45,836.03.

During 1947, total cash amounted to \$28,361.91, of this amount \$5,136.91 was given to denominational causes, local work including the organ totaled \$6,701.40 and the building fund \$16,523.60.

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MR. E. E. LEE

It would be interesting to know how many Intermediates have studied and received study course credit on the Intermediate Union Manual whose author is E. E. Lee. Mr. Lee was among the first south-wide "B. Y. P. U." workers, and through these years has been the inspiration of thousands of fine Baptist young people, especially between the ages of 15-25. Having taught the B. Y. P. U. Manual more times perhaps than all the present Training Union workers combined; having written the Intermediate Manual and taught it hundreds of times, and having spoken in all the Southern Baptist states many times in convention and banquet assemblies, makes E. E. Lee one of America's great men, and one of Southern Baptist's choice spirits.

Mr. Lee has retired from active field work, and on February 27th the First Church Dallas is honoring him with an "Appreciation Dinner." Many of his friends in Mississippi who read the statement about this last week have written to Mr. Lee, and others who read this article will want to add their word of appreciation to this pioneer Training Union worker. If so address your letter to Mr. E. E. Lee, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. Whether you know Mr. Lee personally or not, you may be sure that what we have today in Training Union is the result, in part, of his contribution through the years, hence a note will still be in order.

Mary Lynn Booth, Mathiston, Miss., has an enviable record of having kept up her Junior Union Bible readings, daily, for the past four years, and in appreciation of this record has been awarded the Bible Readers Certificate with all seals attached. We congratulate you Mary Lynn, and hope this may be an example that many others will follow because of your faithfulness.

WE WERE 100%

We reached another goal in 1947. We wanted to issue study course awards to every association in the state for study course work done during the year. We closed the year with one association, Tishomingo, off the list. But here comes a list for awards from Iuka for a splendid study course taught in December. This makes us 100%, meaning at least one study course was held in each of our 71 associations. We'll do it again this year!

Pastor Jack J. Cranford of Iuka writes encouragingly of the Training Union work there. "The work is growing by leaps and bounds. We are enjoying an attendance of nearly one hundred each Sunday evening. We have already begun the matter of reaching the Standard of Excellence." Mr. E. N. Allen is the director and Mr. Buster Ramsey the Associate Director and are walking right along with their pastor in building a great Training Union.

Columbus Associational Training Union under the direction of Mr. Leslie W. Dodson, is moving out toward certain victories. Mr. Dodson has already visited some of the churches in the association and has taught one study course. In order to further the cause of Daily Reading they have elected an Associational Bible Readers Leader. One thing that inspired this officer is the Bible Readers Crusade now being promoted throughout the south. This is a good idea to be adopted by other associations.

Calvary Tupelo helps Belden in study course-the week of January 5th and Miss Ora Slocum reporting it says they had a grand time. Miss Slocum, Mrs. Caldwell and Mr. Wascomb were the teachers of the three classes held, and all feel that they received the greater blessing. Miss Slocum says "I have never had the pleasure and privilege of being in any study course where people enter in so wholeheartedly and were so responsive as they were out at Belden."

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The Baptist Record has received a copy of the 1948 Handbook of West Laurel Church. The church and Pastor H. J. Rushing are to be commended for this helpful booklet. It gives a list of the various officers, committees, BTU, WMU, and Brotherhood Officers and workers. It also contains a calendar of activities for the entire year. The total membership is now 1555 and the budget totals \$19,400.



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SONG LEADERS (Continued)

Third, the leader will have a well-planned program. His program will have enough variety to be attractive and interesting, and at the same time bring out a central theme. He will use both old and new songs, occasional hymn stories, special music numbers, and not do too much talking. It is important that the people sing all they can, for it is through their participation that the desired results are realized. No songleader will ever go before an audience unprepared and expect to get fine results.

Fourth, he will study the fine points of leadership. These include effective conducting, platform technique, gentility, the distinctness of speech, how to instruct an audience, how to give encouragement, create the desired atmosphere in the service, and chart a course which will result in spontaneous singing and the desired effect. He will be a leader.

MUSICIANS HELP NEEDED

We are making a survey of the state on the number and name of choirs in each church. If your church has an organ we would like to know the type - electric or otherwise - and the manufacturer.

Please give us this on the blanks mailed out to you musicians on January 15.

River Ave. Baptist Church in Hattiesburg sent 365 lbs. of clothing and 18 pairs of shoes to the Southern Baptist Relief Center in New Orleans for shipment to Europe. Kaiser Runnels paid the freight. — GARLAND McINNIS, Pastor.

DELAY COURSES DISAPPOINTMENTS

Do not wait until May 15th to write about your Summer School of Music that is to begin June 14 and run for one week before your revival. We cannot guarantee that late requests can be scheduled with the teacher that you prefer.

Ask your church to approve the School of Music and make your requests known now.

MANY DIRECTORS GRADUATE IN MAY

Southwestern Seminary has some very fine young men and women graduating in May in the field of Music and Religious Education. Some of them are combination workers. These young people will be available for churches in Mississippi or other places.

SONG LEADERS FOR REVIVALS

We have a definite shortage of good song leaders for revivals in Mississippi. With all Pastors who lead singing in some meetings and our Choir Directors, we might be able to meet the demand if we could get together. We are always happy when we can help the church and song leader get together on a date for a revival. If revivals were scheduled farther ahead, less trouble would be encountered in the matter of securing a song leader.

A former Mississippi pastor, graduating from one of our seminaries this year, would like to return to Mississippi to rural or small town pastoral work. His name and address may be obtained by writing to the editor.

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SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Resolutions have been received from the East Central Mississippi Pastors' Conference concerning the resignation of Rev. W. A. Hogan who has resigned in order to accept the pastorate at Bay Springs. During the last several years Rev. Hogan has been pastor at Clarke Venable Memorial Church at Decatur and for the past two years has served as President of the East Central Mississippi Pastors' Conference. The resolutions were signed by Kenneth G. Hall and N. G. Hickman. The resolutions call attention to Mr. Hogan as a zealous president of the Pastors' Conference, as a wise counsellor and a faithful friend.

Mississippi was ninth in contributions to Southwide funds for January 1948. Total receipts from Mississippi for the month were \$59,974 of which \$30,486 was designated. North Carolina led 11 states with a total of \$169,005. Other states sending more than Mississippi were: Alabama, \$98,447; Georgia, \$120,992; Kentucky, \$84,712; Oklahoma, \$90,589; Tennessee, \$69,016; Texas, \$79,462; Virginia, \$73,277.

Rev. C. Y. Dossey, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, engaged in a revival meeting with Pastor T. W. Nelson of the First Baptist Church, Marion, Illinois, January 18 - February 1. In spite of the record zero and sub-zero weather and the snow and ice, large crowds attended the services. Eugene Quinn, State Music Secretary for Illinois Baptists, led the singing. The final results of the meeting showed 83 additions 63 by baptism.

The faculty and student body of Clarke Memorial College extend an invitation to Mississippi Baptists to visit the campus. We believe you would like to see the school you are being called upon to assist, and we would count it a privilege to show you around and answer any questions that you might have.

Rev. Ford Parker has completed his work at Clarke College and has moved into the Beulah Church community (Simpson County). He will serve Beulah half time. The church has added another bus route to carry people to church. Deacon H. M. Barrett reports that the Sunday School, BTU, and Brotherhood are growing.

Luka Church continues to grow with from one to three conversions almost every Sunday. Another fine young lady dedicated her life to full Christian service as a missionary last Sunday making a total of three missionaries and one preacher in the last six months.

Evidently Mrs. Mary C. McGee of Hickory enjoys the Baptist Record. She writes: "I want you to know how much I enjoy the Baptist Record. I read it to my mother who is 90 years young."

Blue Mountain, Miss., Feb. 3 — Betty Hubbard, Bonita, who graduated from Blue Mountain College last month, is now serving as director of music and education at the Moreland Avenue Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. She directs the regular Sunday morning choir, works with the young people and helps in promoting the Sunday School and Training Union work.

His many Mississippi friends will be glad to know that Dr. Selus E. Tull is serving as interim pastor at Beech Street Church, Texarkana, Arkansas.

First Church Louisville does things not by halves, but almost by hundreds. Recently Miss Barbara Loden, church secretary, sent 71 names to be added to the EVERY FAMILY List. The pastor is Rev. W. L. Day.

BE OF GOOD COURAGE by E. J. Salecka and published by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Missouri (20c) is a small booklet designed for people in sickness or in sorrow. It contains many precious scriptural promises and helpful poems.

THE VAGABOND KING IS BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE'S OPERETTA THIS YEAR



It was about twenty-five years ago when the first Blue Mountain light opera went on tour. During the last twenty-five years only one operetta has been presented by our students more than twice. This year THE VAGABOND KING becomes the second such production to be taken on tour a third time. It was so popular with our audiences over the state in 1934 and 1942 that "Miss Linda" has decided to produce it again.

A troupe of forty-five lovely girls are scheduled to leave the campus for a tour of the state on Monday, March 1. This operetta, based largely on Justin Huntley McCarthy's IF I WERE KING has been presented in every part of the country and is extremely popular.

As usual it will be produced under the direction of Miss Linda Berry, head of the Voice Department, and Captain H. L. Tibbets. About eighty elaborate costumes of the period of Louis XI will be used during the three acts.

We believe many of our alumnae and their friends will want to avail themselves of the opportunity to attend THE VAGABOND KING at one of the places where it will be produced. Last year several hundred of our former students were among the four thousand persons who attended the presentation of COUNTESS MARITZA.

The itinerary for THE VAGABOND KING follows:

Thursday, February 26—Fulton Chapel, University of Mississippi.

Friday, February 27—Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, Blue Mountain College.

Monday, March 1—Union University, Jackson, Tennessee (possibly in the Junior High School Auditorium).

Tuesday, March 2—Greenville High School Auditorium, Greenville, Mississippi.

Wednesday, March 3—Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson, Mississippi.

Thursday, March 4—Wisner Auditorium, Laurel, Mississippi.

Friday, March 5—Quitman High School Auditorium, Quitman, Mississippi.

Any publicity which readers of the Bulletin may give to the various appearances of the girls will be greatly appreciated. Following are unsolicited testimonials concerning our former presentations of THE VAGABOND KING:

"It was a beautiful presentation of a most interesting play."—Mrs. Mike Conner, Wife of the Governor of Mississippi.

"... we enjoyed THE VAGABOND KING by the Blue Mountain girls last night. Complimentary comments are being heard all over the city (Meridian) this morning. Everyone has given the highest praise to the production."—Roger Hull, Now Vice President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

"We were charmed over the marvelous presentation of THE VAGABOND KING. It is by far the best thing our students have had the pleasure of seeing."—Miss Edith Thaxton, Director of Dramatic, Holmes Junior College, Goodman, Mississippi.

"The ones I have heard mention THE VAGABOND KING seemed not to be able to find words enough to express their delight."—Wilbur Cole, Business Manager The Tribesman, Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi.

Final reports for 1947 released this week by the Department of Survey and Statistics show Southern Baptist reporting a membership of 6,270,819, with 285,152 baptisms reported for the year, the largest number reported for any one year. Sunday school enrollment has reached a record high of 4,004,705, and Training Union enrollment has reached a record enrollment of 927,908. The churches reported 761,907 in W.M.U. and 97,146 in Brotherhood. Total gifts were \$132,162,846.

Dr. E. C. Routh will retire as editor of The Commission, Foreign Mission Board Journal, on May 1. He has served for 40 years as a Baptist editor in Texas, Oklahoma and with the Foreign Mission Board.

Miss Margaret Hutchinson, associate field secretary of the Home Mission Board, has been elected W. M. U. secretary in Oklahoma.

Rev. H. Grady Wilkes has been called as pastor at Belen. The church has gone from quarter to half-time and is making plans to remodel the church, providing for adequate Sunday School and Training Union rooms.

Rev. S. E. Nix, formerly pastor of churches in the vicinity of Laurel, is now pastor of Sun Baptist Church in Sun, Louisiana.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(BP)— A 47 passenger bus has been presented to the First Baptist Church of Memphis for its use in carrying people to and from church services. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor, announced the gift at regular Sunday church services, adding that the contributor desired to remain anonymous. The bus will operate on regular routes to accommodate people who have no other transportation to the church services. Nurses and students will be particularly benefited. Dr. Caudill said that a licensed driver who is a member of the church will drive the bus on all its trips.

From a recent issue of the Holly Springs Church bulletin we notice that "the financial report for the last three months of 1947 shows total gifts equal almost to the entire amount given for everything for the entire year of 1944." Also that gifts to Missions last year totaled more than the amount given for all causes during 1943.

Port Gibson is helping the Baptist Record circulation grow. Recently 18 names were received to be added to the EVERY FAMILY List.

Athlete of the Year. Johnny Lujack, All-American quarterback who was voted the most outstanding athlete of 1947 gives the following testimony, "I am a total abstainer from the use of alcoholic beverages."

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
Called And Accepted

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Theo. A. Bineford, 1st Rosebud, Texas from Calvary Corpus Christi.

W. E. Davis, Yantis, Texas from Sidney, Arkansas.

Ben F. Morrison, Holly Springs, Texas from Warren.

W. G. Foster, Ricardo, Texas from Axtell.

Eugene Skelton, Leonard, Texas from Ector.

E. F. Wooten, Celina, Texas from Houston.

Bruce H. Price, New Port News, Va., from Beech St., Texarkana, Ark.

J. E. Davidson, S. Avondale, Birmingham, Ala., from Huffman.

John Smith, 1st Corona, N. M. from Broken Bow, Okla.

L. E. McRae, 1st Ave., Avon Park, Fla.

A. H. Gregory, 1st., Calhoun Falls, S. C.

Don Anderson, Chayenne, Okla., from Perryton, Texas.

Vernon F. Cloninger, Edna, Kan., from Virginia Ave. Bartlesville, Okla.

H. Grady Lambert, Pomona, Calif. from Calvary, Enid, Okla.

C. D. Baggett, First, Ryan, Okla. from First Helena.

S. J. May, First, Carter, Okla.

Lee Anfill, Immanuel, Norman, Okla. from Texola.

Iven E. Boles, First Maramda, Okla.

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The late Circuit Judge, W. W. Magruder, of Starkville in a charge to the Lowdes County grand jury said:

"Whisky is as innocent as a cotton mouth moccasin, as gentle as a saber tooth tiger in the jungles of Africa, as kind as a man-eating shark, as beneficial to the human system as the virus of Hydrophobia, as sweet and pure as a dead buzzard on a nest of rotten eggs."

True Christians Are Dry

The following paragraph appeared in a recent article in the "Jackson Daily News":

"However, we do happen to know that many hundreds of splendid Citizens in all parts of Mississippi have taken part in the Straw Vote, and a large number of them have cast their ballots for the repeal of prohibition."

Immediately after the words "splendid Christian Citizens," he should have added "of his kind." No SPLENDID CHRISTIAN CITIZEN who knows anything about the facts concerning the liquor business will vote for the legalization of liquor. The issue is clearly drawn and there are but two sides namely: God's side and the devil's side. On this issue people positionize themselves.

Liquor is the Devil's mightiest implement of warfare in his effort to dethrone God.

The issue is not whether we are go-

ing to have liquor sold legally or illegally as the Wet propaganda would have us believe. The real question is whether we are going to hold it to a minimum by outlawing it and suppressing it, or whether we are going into business with the bootleggers hoping to get a rake off out of it. They admit that liquor is bad but they would suppress it by legalizing it, making it easily accessible and reducing the price of it. Now isn't that brilliant reasoning.

PROPAGANDA

No more poisonous propaganda has ever been perpetrated than the propaganda put out by the liquor crowd. They revel in lies. In all of their fight to legalize the sale of whiskey, they are absolutely unable to say one good word for their product. Liquor stands condemned from every standpoint. Not one sane, sensible sound argument can be advanced in its defence. Abraham Lincoln said, "Liquor may have its defenders, but it has no defence."

Beware of those who are siding with the Wets, whether in your church or out of your church, whether Deacons or Preachers. One of two things is certain: they are ignorant of the facts or they like their booze and are likely to be participating in cocktail parties. The Devil can use these to good advantage.

Rev. L. E. McGowan, pastor of the First Church, Simpsonville, S. C., and who went from Moorehead into the chaplaincy, reports that 1947 was a good year for the church both spiritually and financially. There were 60 additions and contributions totaled more than \$15,000. One third of this went to the Cooperative Program.

VISITOR'S LIST

Recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record are as follows: Rev. A. S. Johnston, Jackson; W. G. Mize, Jackson; Rev. J. P. Bush, Benton; Rev. and Mrs. Guy A. Little, Columbia; Rev. Jewett J. Burson, A. D. Murphree, Jr., and B. V. Wade, all of Shelby; Rev. E. E. Evans, Hazlehurst.



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1. Make a Personal Contribution: Every alumnus can give something. It may not be as much as you would like to give - but give what you can. Let your love and loyalty to The Southern Seminary have a concrete expression during this campaign. The goal is to enlist every alumnus in one or more of these methods of giving.

2. Lead Your Church in Giving: Again - every alumnus is pastor of a church or is a member of a church. This is an opportunity for doing something definite. Pastors and churches are free to do anything they want to do. Why not contribute to the Seminary Chapel Fund?

3. Enlist Wealthy Christians to Make Special Gifts: Surely every alumnus has one or more wealthy Christian friends to whom he may speak a word of encouragement in giving to this cause. Pastoral leadership in giving is one of our greatest privileges. Let us approach these persons for liberal gifts to the chapel.

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REV. CORTEZ L. SELLERS

Rev. Cortez L. Sellers, a member of the Magee Baptist Church and a junior at Mississippi College, was ordained recently to the full Gospel ministry by the Magee church.

The examining council was composed of Rev. J. B. Smith, Chairman, E. T. McAlpin Clerk, J. H. Mangum, G. G. McAlpin, Rev. Barney Padgett, Rev. Vernon May, and Rev. Z. B. McAlpin.

Seven Deacons Ordained By Leakesville First Church

Wednesday evening February 11, seven men were ordained Deacons by the First Church, Leakesville, they were: Johnnie Flite, G. E. Brannon, Will Jacobs, Jr., Allen Barnes, Alvin C. Maples, Joe Carpenter and A. F. Cook.

Assisting the pastor were Pastors Bernard Saucier of Brewer and West Salem Churches and Orman Knight of Sand Hill. Both of these men are comparatively young in the ministry but their earnestness, their sincerity and the inspiration of their messages could hardly have been excelled.

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Total receipts through the Executive Committee for January were \$1,097,462.64, compared with \$991,295.80 for 1947.

New Mexico Baptists have voted to purchase 880 acres near Santa Fe to offer Southern Baptists for a Western Assembly.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Z. B. McAlpin, Rev. J. B. Smith served as moderator, Rev. Vernon May lead the ordination prayer.

J. H. Mangum, chairman of the deacons of the Magee Church presented a Bible to Mr. Sellers as a gift from the church.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
Lesson For February 22

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. Acts 2:37-47; Ephesians 4:1-6. I. The Terms. The word Christian as herein used means the fellowship believers have in Christ. It is a fellowship which has its source in Christ. It is the fellowship we have in common with Christ a fellowship which we share a common life, and that the life which the Spirit of Christ lives in us.

Again, the word fellowship means sharing. It translates a word which began to be used to mean common, then came to be used to express the meaning "ordinary," and as it continued in use its meaning was altered by usage until, with the coming of the New Testament age, it had acquired the meaning of "association," "sharing," "joint-participation" in the enjoyment of a privilege and the discharge of responsibilities. But should we think of the joint-discharging of a responsibility as a duty when done for the sake of our Lord? Are not all activities in His behalf privileges?

Deacon Peyton Self of Marks conveyed me up to the fine old volage of Independence in Tate county to conduct the funeral of a bachelor uncle of his, and there I became acquainted with a custom peculiar to those good people, a custom which endeared them to my heart. That people never allows a hiring of any color or degree of expertness to fill the grave of any deceased member of their community. They say that to fill the grave of departed kinsman, neighbor, friend, is the last act of kindness they can perform upon his mortal body and that they will perform that function as a farewell labor of love. So they perform that duty with their own hands, because they love is great. Now, because the love of the Christian for his Lord is great, all service becomes Love's labor and every duty a privilege.

II. Source of Christian Fellowship. Acts 2:36-42. "God hath made Him Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified." This ye must know, "What shall we do?" "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." So Christian fellowship has its source in Jesus Christ our Lord. There is no other source of Christian fellowship. Men may get together on some other basis and call it Christian Fellowship, but it is never any such thing when it springs from any other source.

III. Distinctive Marks of Christian Fellowship. Acts 2:42-47. "They continued steadfastly in the apostle's teaching." Note how teaching comes first in the list of marks that distinguish their fine fellowship here in the first of all the churches. Call this teaching "doctrine" and then stand by the word. You nor any one can tell the story of Jesus without setting forth the fact that He was Deity and that Deity lived a life of sacrifice and died a death of sacrifice for the sin of man. You may be very sure that the apostles' teaching was full of this, and it was taught by men who hungered and thirsted after righteousness, a hunger and thirst which must lie

at the foundation of all progressive and healthy Christianity. To what extent does this desire after a fuller Christian knowledge mark your life and mine? "And fellowship."

Christians will have and enjoy a fellowship. I said, "Christians will," remember? "In the breaking of bread." Just the common breaking of bread in the common meal. But it is more than likely that in the warmth of this early love of Him and consequent love of one another every meal had a religious significance, and it would be far better in every meal was now an expression of the religious life within, "And the prayers." I believe that the dearth of this, the lack of it, is the cause of weakness of more different sorts and in larger degree than any other lack from which the churches suffer.

IV. Bonds that Tie Brothers Into a Christian Fellowship. Ephesians 4:1-6. (a) A worthy walk. It is walked by those who take care that their conduct marks them as having responded to the lofty calling to a higher life. (b). Lowliness and meekness. All Christians should recognize their dependence upon Him for every good and perfect gift, and this recognition should father a meek and lowly disposition. (c). long-suffering forbearance. Love will lead to this. (d). A careful and diligent effort to preserve "the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." In all thine effort in behalf of Christ, sustain an earnest effort to live in sympathetic peace with all the brothers in the Lord.

V. The Divine Illustration. Vv. 4-6. (a). "One body." One body of believers, which is Christ's body, the body of which He is head. (b). "One Spirit." He formed the body and He alone will preserve it. (c). "One Lord." It is He in whom we find our unity. (d). "One faith." One faith in one Lord, faith in His Deity, in the efficacy of His sacrifice. His atonement. (e). "One baptism," into the name of Christ, symbol of identification with Christ. (f). "One God and father of all, who is over all, and through all." The church is one because it is pre-empted by one Spirit, is owned and governed by one Lord, and has one God and Father, one glorious Being to whom the church looks as its Creator, and regards itself as His child.

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By Rev. N. G. Hickman,
Louisville, Mississippi

I did not know it would be so hard to put in a few words what Clarke College meant to me!

As a young licensed preacher I went to Clarke College. I did not have much money, but I was told it did not take much, in comparison with other schools. It was a school of adversity to me, and I was no exception. Even the professors made a great sacrifice to serve on the faculty, but did so willingly and cheerfully, counting wisdom above rubies, and thus meriting the undying gratitude of all Clarke friends. Clarke College could never have survived had it not been for their loyalty and devotion. This is true even to the present moment. All the students could feel themselves growing in the understanding of the Scriptures continually under such teachers as Dr. M. O. Patterson and Dr. R. A. Venable. The college was from the beginning cramped for lack of room. God has preserved it through many a storm. We come now to a new day in its history. There is something big and great for us to do. We must enlarge, expand, build, for a greater Clarke Memorial College!

Editor's Note: The author of the above statement is serving with success as Associational Missionary in Winston county. He was an able Chaplain during the late war, and has rendered good service at several strategic centers in the pastorate. His testimony bears out the great impress that Clarke College has made on Baptist leaders in Mississippi. Large gifts on March 28 will enable the school to do even more in the days to come.

ETHEL FARMER GREEN

In the tenth day of December, 1947, Ethel Farmer Green, the devoted wife of Rev. T. W. Green, went to the heavenly home prepared for her by her dear Saviour. She had walked in loveliness and beauty in the service of Christ until she was not, for He took her to himself. From earliest childhood Ethel followed the guidance of her father and mother, to whom she was beautifully devoted, in making Christ the chief attention and center of her life. During preparatory school and then in her college days she exerted herself in making the world sweeter through happy association with teachers and classmates and in seeking always to find her place in Christian service. She shared with us her orphaned cousins, her parents their love and home for eight years. She was a faithful tither, a student and teacher of the Bible. Her memory was rich with the words of Christ, from which she gathered strength for all of life's problems.

Ethel was especially fitted to be a minister's wife. She had a spiritual insight, a beauty of outlook, and a peaceful and serene Christian spirit, together with a

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

February 15, 1948

Brookhaven, First	767	174
Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave.	451	152
Hattiesburg, Main St.	751	318
Laurel, South	95	58
Laurel, Second Ave.	415	110
Laurel, West	376	89
Laurel, First	534	126
Gulfport, First	700	177
Crystal Springs	605	151
East McComb	368	208
Pascagoula, First	617	166
Booneville, First	269	121
Centerville	154	62
New Albany	468	187
Grenada, First	455	85
Bruce, Calhoun County	209	64
Batesville, First	340	200
Calvary, Pike County	99	87
Friendship, Pike County	159	88
Crystal Springs, Walthall		
County	96	61
Soso, Jones County	102	50
Myrick, Jones County	120	81
Center, Union County	78	43
Houlka, Chickasaw County	73	36
Columbus, First	710	229
West Corinth	165	98
Louisville, First	362	119
Louisville, First including		
South Louisville Mission	378	
Calhoun City, First	169	59
Monta Vista, Webster County	82	37
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	55	50
Byram, Hinds County	73	69
Jackson, Van Winkle	354	201
Jackson, Davis Memorial	264	124
Jackson, Calvary	1346	336
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone Street Mission	1392	366
Jackson, Parkway	613	228
Jackson, North Ave.	345	103
Bruce, Calhoun County	171	48
Laurel, Beacon	184	50
Long Beach	130	36
West Corinth	137	79
Friendship, Pike County	143	73
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	33	

deep appreciation of true friendship, that made others, through fellowship with her more Christ-like. She expressed her love for her Saviour in sacrificial service for his people. Her love for the work of Christ is evidenced by the fact that she made definite arrangements, long before she was called to her heavenly home, for her earthly inheritance to go on until Jesus comes again for the glory of his kingdom.

The beautiful influence of her life and character, the joy and love that shone from her face, and the comfort and strength conveyed in her soft, sweet voice, will live on forever as a benediction. We rejoice as we contemplate upon the blessed truth that she is in the Father's home and that she is with all the dear ones who have gone on before. What a blessed fellowship it must be! She loved and longed for the appearing of Christ and therefore she is among the redeemed whom Paul so beautifully described as receiving the crown of righteousness.

"Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,

So free from all sorrow and pain,
With songs on our lips and with harps
in our hands,

To meet one another again."

SELINA EAST WILLIAMS
CLYDE EAST KELLY

Miss Sarah Frances Diaz, who graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1944, is now serving as a missionary for the Home Mission Board among the Cubans in Tampa, Florida. Her picture appears in the February number of Home Missions.

Miss Carlene Wade, Second Church, Kosciusko, recently sent a list of 23 new and renewal subscriptions. These names greatly help the Baptist Record toward the 61,000 mark.

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Gulfport Baptists Check Results And Enlist As Permanent Tithers

GULFPORT, Miss. —(BP)— The Southern Baptist three-months' tithing appeal last October, November and December paid rich dividends at the First Baptist Church here, and Pastor Joe T. Odle is confident that 1947's "Prove Me" tithers are permanent tithers for all of 1948.

Pastor Odle has an enormous supply of facts to back up his glowing report. Here it is, in his own words:

"The average budget offering for the six months preceding the campaign was \$541.53 per Sunday. The average for the three months of the campaign was \$948.31 per Sunday. Where a the church had given a total of \$600 to the Cooperative Program in the three months preceding October 1, it gave during the campaign a total of \$3,464.56 — an increase of almost 600 per cent.

Pastor Odle's report reveals that though no Every Member Canvass was made during the fall because of the building fund campaign, January's receipts are holding to the same high level started in October because of continued tithing on the part of the people.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY EAST COLUMBIA BAPTIST CHURCH, OF MARION COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, the newly elected officials of our State and Counties have taken the oath of offices and have entered upon the discharge of their duties, and there will be an effort on the part of some of them to weaken, nullify and repeal the prohibition laws of our State;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the East Columbia Baptist Church of Marion County, Mississippi, in the interest of sobriety and the welfare of our State, do hereby pass the following resolutions:

FIRST: Be it resolved that we petition Governor Fielding L. Wright to veto any legislative act that would weaken, nullify or repeal the prohibition laws of our State, and that he renew his request that the black market tax law be repealed;

SECOND: Be it resolved that we petition the members of the Legislature to repeal the black market tax law, which will be in keeping with the expressed will of the people in the recent state-wide election, and that they give the Governor more power and facilities with which to enforce the prohibition laws of our State;

THIRD: Be it resolved that we petition our local city, county and district officers to put forth a renewed effort to enforce not only the prohibition laws but all of the laws of our State;

FOURTH: Be it resolved that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to those whose names have been mentioned, and to The Columbian-Progress, Daily Clarion Ledger and the Baptist Record for publication.

Approved by the East Columbia Baptist Church, of Marion County, Mississippi, in conference and signed by the Pastor and Deacons of the Church, on February 1st, 1948.

S. GUY R. LITTLE

Pastor

And Board of Deacons - pd.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Pilgrims Rest Church, Calhoun County, sent in by E. D. Collum, a good friend of the Baptist Record.

EAST SIDE CHURCH DEDICATES BUILDING



Pastor A. L. Ott and the people of East Side Baptist church, Pascagoula, rejoice over the paying of the mortgage on their church house on January 25. Good attendance marked the day which featured morning services, dinner on the grounds and the dedication in the afternoon. The people of this church wish to express to Mississippi Baptists their appreciation for the help given through State Missions which allowed them to pay off the final indebtedness and dedicate what formerly was a night club, to the full service of God. First Baptist church of Pascagoula, which along with many others coast Baptists did a great deal in helping make the event possible, was represented by Pastor L. E. Green and his deacons who attended in a body. Rev. J. L. Morgan, founder and first pastor, was present to burn the notes, at the invitation of Pastor Ott.

Four members of Mt. Carmel church accompanied Rev. Morgan.

Dr. D. A. McCall, State Mission Secretary, preached at both morning and afternoon services. Pastor Ott led the dedication, and Rev. Billy Stogner of the Admiral Schley Mission led in the prayer. In the services eight churches were represented from Jackson county.

This church was organized November 26, 1944. Pastor Ott took over the work in December 1945. Since then the mortgage has been paid off, the building painted and repaired and a baptistry built. This will be used in the near future, the bad weather and illness preventing on dedication day. The transfer of a night club into a church has been made permanent in the final payment of notes on the house, and the pastor and people face the future full of faith and hope.

SUGGESTED SOLUTION FOR DELINQUENT BOY PROBLEM

By Hiram Duffer, Jr., Mexico Mission Appointee

The city of Fort Worth, Texas, with about 200,000 inhabitants, is cut east and west by the "Broadway of America" highway and the Texas and Pacific railroad. Here nestling like squatters between and behind the factories and warehouses that line both highway and railroad, are the shacks of about 50 Mexican families that make up the Presidio neighborhood, deriving the name from the fact that its single east-west street is East Presidio.

A few of the 50 families live in fairly decent houses, but the majority have to be content with a shack—too small and too old, with sagging windows and doors, leaky roofs, and porches trying to fall in. The men of the neighborhood work on the railroad, in garages, and at other comparable jobs; much of what they earn goes for beer and dice rather than for the food and clothing needed by their families. Meanwhile, the mothers do the best they can with numerous children, insufficient room, uninspiring surroundings, and undependable husbands. They are more than glad for the older children to get out into the street and play, as a general rule.

And play in the street they do. Where else could they? There is not a park, a club, nor a recreational center near by. Even the smaller boys spend more time away from home than in it; when tired of play, they might go to the city market to see what they could "snitch," or hide in an empty boxcar to shoot dice and smoke cigarette stubs. At night they could hang around the doors of pool halls and beer parlors which abound

in the community, or go up and down the streets breaking into gardens and stoning the windows of people's houses.

Some students from Southwestern Seminary, together with interested members of the College Avenue Baptist Church, established a mission in the Presidio section, and began to have Sunday School—first in one home, later in another, and finally in a semi-permanent property which the church rented. It was a two-story residence, once pretty elegant, but now slightly dilapidated, converted into a mission building with living quarters for the missionary couple upstairs. The boys of the community broke windows, let air out of automobile tires, threw firecrackers into the mailbox or even into the auditorium during services, and in general saw to it that the preacher had something to worry about besides his seminary assignments and the rising cost of living.

The war came on, and the boys who had been most active in "keeping things alive" in the community were either drafted or volunteered for service. But the junior boys had not been idly standing by while their older brothers "had all the fun" — they knew how to do a few things, too.

There were ten of these boys who came to the Mission—not that they cared much for the Sunday School class or the sermon, but they liked the occasional trips to the park, the picnics on special occasions, and gifts at Christmas time. Besides, they could have lots of fun in the services, disturbing the preacher, throwing spitballs at the worshippers, and sneeringly criticizing everything that happened. Oho, yes they came to services.

About 1942, Rev. and Mrs. I. B. Wil-

DEPLORES NICKEL-A-DAY GIVING TO MISSIONS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. —(RNS)— Until Christians stop appraising world mission efforts on a nickel-a-day basis, we can expect no real advance in Christianity, said Dr. Albert D. Stauffer of New York, executive secretary of the Congregational Christian Missions Council, in his report at that body's convention here.

Because of the inflationary prices abroad and the high cost of living at home, the Church has been able to do little more than repair some of the damage done by war and keep pace with the rising costs of maintenance and administration, he said. There will be no real advance until we spend more on missions than the cost of a cheap candy bar or a daily cigar.

Williams became the missionaries at the Presidio Mission, supported first by the Tarrant County Association and later by the Home Mission Board. They did a lot of wonderful things in their own quiet way, but probably the most far-reaching and important was the organization of a Royal Ambassador chapter by Mr. Williams.

Did those guys care to be Royal Ambassadors? No, definitely not, but Mr. Williams took them for rides in his car, gave them pointers on football, had weiner roasts in the backyard, and set up a game and reading room inside the Mission. Who couldn't stand an hour's Royal Ambassador program once a week when getting all that in return? Sometimes discipline was quite a problem—but at other times they actually became interested in the life of some mission hero, and they began to work on the Ranking System to see who could get the Page's insignia before anyone else! They learned the Bible verses and studied the lives of missionaries; they paid more and more attention to Mr. Williams' sermons, and several of them accepted Christ as Savior. The others still roamed the streets at night, cursed, gambled, but they were being permeated with a knowledge of God and His ambassadors.

I met four of those Royal Ambassadors in June of 1944, when they and two girls from the Mission accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Williams to the first state-wide Mexican encampment at Alto Frio. One was from a nominal Methodist home and had just decided for himself that he believed the Baptist way; one had been a Christian for a while and another for just three months; the fourth, from a Catholic home, was not a Christian. A moment that will live forever in my memory was when the three-month-old Christian matched steps with men in going from one building to another on the camp grounds, and said, "I want you to help me pray for ———; he's my best buddy, and he's not a Christian."

On a memorable night under the tabernacle, there were 18 conversions and 41 young lives surrendered to special service. The Methodist boy surrendered to preach and the Catholic boy accepted Christ as his Saviour. Time went on. To date, four of those 10 Royal Ambassadors have surrendered to preach, and only two of them are still unsaved. Of the four preacher boys, one is a junior in Howard Payne College; one is in the Valley Baptist Academy; one is in high school at Fort Worth; all three are active in mission work. The fourth is in the Navy and will continue his preparation after he is discharged.